



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 39**

January Session, 2013

Substitute House Bill No. 6331

*House of Representatives, March 18, 2013*

The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BLOOD DONORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-285a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "whole blood" means blood from  
4 which none of its individual components, including, but not limited to,  
5 red cells, plasma or platelets, have been removed.

6 (b) Any person who is seventeen years of age or older shall have the  
7 legal capacity, without written authorization of his or her parent or  
8 guardian, to donate whole blood or any component thereof and to  
9 consent to the withdrawal of blood from his or her body, in  
10 conjunction with any voluntary blood donation program.

11 (c) Any person who is sixteen years of age may donate whole blood  
12 and have whole blood withdrawn from his or her body, in conjunction  
13 with any voluntary school-sponsored blood donation program, with

- 14 the written authorization of his or her parent or guardian, provided (1)  
15 he or she does not receive monetary compensation therefor, and (2) a  
16 registered nurse is present at such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2013	19a-285a
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In subsection (a), "or cryoprecipitated AHF" was deleted for the purpose of accuracy.

***KID***      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities associated with allowing 16-year-olds to donate blood with (1) the written consent of a parent or guardian and (2) additional specific requirements.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6331*****AN ACT CONCERNING SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BLOOD DONORS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows 16-year-olds to donate whole blood at voluntary school-sponsored blood donation programs. These teen donors (1) must have their parent's or guardian's written permission, (2) may not receive monetary compensation for the donation, and (3) may only have their blood drawn if a registered nurse is present. The law, unchanged by the bill, allows anyone age 17 and older to donate whole blood or any of its components without written parental consent through a voluntary blood donation program.

The bill defines "whole blood" as blood from which none of its component parts have been removed, including red cells, plasma, and platelets.

The bill also makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Children Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (02/28/2013)